

STATE OF MAINE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Docket No. 98-764

NORTHPORT VILLAGE CORPORATION
Extension of Service Area Into
the Town of Northport

January 5, 1999
ORDER

WELCH, Chairman; NUGENT and DIAMOND, Commissioners

SUMMARY

We approve the Northport Village Corporation's (Corporation) request to extend water service in that portion of the Town of Northport (Town) described in Exhibit 1 attached to this Order.

BACKGROUND

On September 25, 1998, the Corporation filed with the Commission its request to extend water service to that portion of the Town of Northport (Town) that lies between the City of Belfast, Penobscot Bay, the Corporation's northwest boundary (Cross Street) and a line 1,000 feet westerly from U.S. Route One and Bayside Road, as shown in Exhibit 1. A letter, signed by the Town Selectmen, indicating that the proposed service area is acceptable to the Town was included in the filing. The Belfast Water District has also agreed that the Corporation should have the right to serve the proposed area.

The proposed service area is along a water main being constructed to permit the Corporation to purchase water from the Belfast Water District (District) at the Belfast municipal boundary. The Corporation has determined that purchasing water from the district is the most economical approach to compliance with Safe Drinking Water Act requirements. The extension of water service, in the area along the new water main, will make public fire protection available to the Drinkwater School on Bayside Road and should increase the Corporation's customer base from which it must recover the costs of the improvements.

The Corporation is a public utility organized under Chapter 136, Private and Special Laws of 1915 and amendments thereto (P.&S.L. 1919, ch. 46 and P.&S.L. 1957, ch. 155). It seeks authority, pursuant to 35-A M.R.S.A. § 2110, to extend its service in and to the portion of the Town of Northport described in Exhibit 1. No other utility is now furnishing similar service

in that area. We find the proposed extension of the service area to be in the public interest and in the best interest of the ratepayers.

Accordingly, we

O R D E R

1. That the Northport Village Corporation is authorized, pursuant to 35-A M.R.S.A. § 2110, to extend water services in and to the Town of Northport, Maine, in the area described in Exhibit 1 attached to this Order; and

2. That the Northport Village Corporation, within twenty (20) days hereof, shall file with the Secretary of State a certificate exhibiting authorization by this Commission for the extension of its service area in accordance with the provisions of 35-A M.R.S.A. § 2110.

Dated at Augusta, Maine this 5th day of January, 1998.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Dennis L. Keschl
Administrative Director

COMMISSIONERS VOTING FOR: WELCH
NUGENT
DIAMOND

NOTICE OF RIGHTS TO REVIEW OR APPEAL

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1. Reconsideration of the Commission's Order may be requested under Section 6(N) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (65-407 C.M.R.11) within 20 days of the date of the Order by filing a petition with the Commission stating the grounds upon which consideration is sought.
2. Appeal of a final decision of the Commission may be taken to the Law Court by filing, within 30 days of the date of the Order, a Notice of Appeal with the Administrative Director of the Commission, pursuant to 35-A M.R.S.A. § 1320 (1)-(4) and the Maine Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 73 et seq.
3. Additional court review of constitutional issues or issues involving the justness or reasonableness of rates may be had by the filing of an appeal with the Law Court, pursuant to 35-A M.R.S.A. § 1320 (5).

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